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Arizona All Cattle Inventory Up 6 Percent

Arizona's all cattle inventory as of January 1, 2012, is estimated at 920,000 head, up 6 percent from last January's inventory. The beef cow inventory increased by 5,000 head to 185,000 head and the milk cow inventory increased 5,000 head to 190,000 head. Other classes of cattle inventory include steers at 300,000 head, up 25,000 head; milk replacement heifers at 65,000 head, up 5,000 head; beef replacement heifers at 35,000 head, up 10,000 head; and calves, at 110,000 head, the same as last year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2012, totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below the 92.7 million on January 1, 2011. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.1 million, were down 2 percent from the 40.0 million on January 1, 2011. Beef cows, at 29.9 million, were down 3 percent. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2011.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2012, and the change from January 1, 2011, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.4 million, down 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.2 million, up 1 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, down 1 percent. Other heifers, 9.6

million, down 2 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 2 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 5 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 14.1 million, down 3 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.1 million, up 1 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 25.7 million, down 4 percent.

The 2011 calf crop was estimated at 35.3 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.7 million, down 1 percent from 2010.

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